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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, XS, US

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: TIMING OF SAUDI FOREIGN
MINISTER PRINCE SAUD'S ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK
(S/S NO. 7722008)

1. SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR WEST HE PLANS TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK OCTOBER 5. SAUD HOPES THIS DATE MESHES WITH YOUR PLANS. THIS WOULD PUT HIS ARRIVAL TOWARD THE VERY END OF THE MOST INTENSIVE PERIOD OF YOUR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE CONFRONTATION STATES AND ISRAEL. WHILE YOU MIGHT NOT MEET WITH SAUD AS FREQUENTLY AS WITH THE OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS, HE COULD BE HELPFUL TO YOU AND PROVIDE GOOD COUNCIL TO HIS ARAB COLLEAGUES AS HE HAS IN THE PAST.

2. UNLESS HE HAS SCHEDULE PROBLEMS, WE ASSUME SAUD WILL
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AGREE TO AN EARLIER ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK ONCE HE KNOWS THE TIMING OF YOUR TALKS. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD SUGGEST THIS TO HIM.

3. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM INSTRUCTING AMBASSADOR WEST TO SUGGEST THAT SAUD COME TO NEW YORK FOR THE LAST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER AND THE

FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

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ACTION: JIDDA

EXDIS FROM SECRETARY FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: TIMING OF SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD'S
ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK

REF: JIDDA 5739

1. MY BILATERAL TALKS WITH THE MIDDLE EAST FOREIGN
MINISTERS SEEM NOW LIKELY TO BE FOCUSED IN THE LAST WEEK
OF SEPTEMBER AND THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER. I WOULD MUCH
APPRECIATE IT IF PRINCE SAUD COULD BE IN NEW YORK DURING
THAT TIME.

2. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE SAY TO SAUD THAT ALTHOUGH I
WOULD OF COURSE BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH HIM AT ANY TIME
HE MAY ARRIVE, MY MEETINGS WITH THE OTHER MIDDLE EAST
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FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL FALL MAINLY IN THE LAST WEEK
IN SEPTEMBER AND THE FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER AND IT WOULD
BE VERY HELPFUL TO ME IF HE COULD BE IN NEW YORK DURING
THAT PERIOD. THIS WOULD PERMIT ME TO BENEFIT FROM HIS
COUNSEL THROUGHOUT THAT IMPORTANT TIME. I HOPE IT WOULD
BE CONVENIENT FOR HIM TO COME SOMEWHAT EARLIER, THEREFORE,
THAN HE HAS BEEN PLANNING.

3. YOU SHOULD ALSO TELL SAUD THAT THE PRESIDENT LOOKS
FORWARD TO MEETING WITH HIM SOMETIME DURING HIS STAY IN
THE U.S. AND THAT WE WILL BE BACK TO HIM WITH A FIRM DATE
FOR THIS MEETING ONCE HIS OWN PLANS AND THE PRESIDENT'S
SCHEDULE ARE SOMEWHAT FIRMER. END TEXT.

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